IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE, ANDHRA PRADESH AT HYDERABAD

THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE RAMESH RANGANATHAN

Writ Petition No.34440 of 1997
DATED 28-3-2007

BETWEEN
V.Jesudas and others.

.. Petitioners

And

The Secretary to Government,
Panchayat Raj and Rural Development Relief,
Government of A.P. Secretariat, Hyderabad
and 4 others.

.. Respondents

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE RAMESH RANGANATHAN

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ORDER:

The relief sought for in this writ petition is to declare the action of the respondents in not absorbing and regularising the services of the petitioners into the last grade regular service as arbitrary and illegal and for a consequential direction to the respondents to absorb and to regularise the services of the petitioners into the regular last grade service with effect from 26.12.1994 with all attendant and consequential benefits.

The respondents in this writ petition are the Government of Andhra Pradesh and the Commissioner, Panchayat Raj and Rural

Development. The petitioners herein, in effect, seek appointment into the Gram Panchayats and Panchayat Raj Departments of Government of Andhra Pradesh. As laid down by the Supreme Court in **L.CHANDRAKUMAR V. UNION OF INDIA** [1], the petitioners are not entitled to directly approach this Court invoking its jurisdiction under Article 226 of the Constitution of India without first invoking the jurisdiction of the Andhra Pradesh Administrative Tribunal. On this ground alone, the writ petition is liable to be dismissed. Needless to state that this order shall not preclude the petitioners herein from availing such other remedies as are available to them in law. No costs.

RAMESH RANGANATHAN,J

Dt: 28.3.2007
msv.

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[1] AIR 1997 SC 1125